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NUMBER OF INHABITANTS, BY JUDICIAL DISTRICTS AND MINOR CIVIL DIVISIONS

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TOTAL POPULATION, INCREASE, AND DISTRIBUTION.

Population of the territory.—Alaska was purchased by the United States from the Russian government in March, 1867. The first enumeration of its population by the United States was made in 1880 and consisted of a canvass of all accessible settlements, supplemented by estimates—based mainly upon records or upon the personal knowledge of missionary priests—for those regions which could not be visited by the canvassers. A similar practice was followed in 1890, but the area actually canvassed in that year was larger than that

visited in 1880, and at each subsequent census the enumerations have been more nearly complete and accurate.

According to the Fourteenth Census, taken as of January 1, 1920, the population of Alaska is 54,899, which represents a decrease of 9,457, or 14.7 per cent, since 1910. The following summary shows the population of Alaska from 1880 to 1920, inclusive, together with the number and per cent of increase or decrease for each decade:

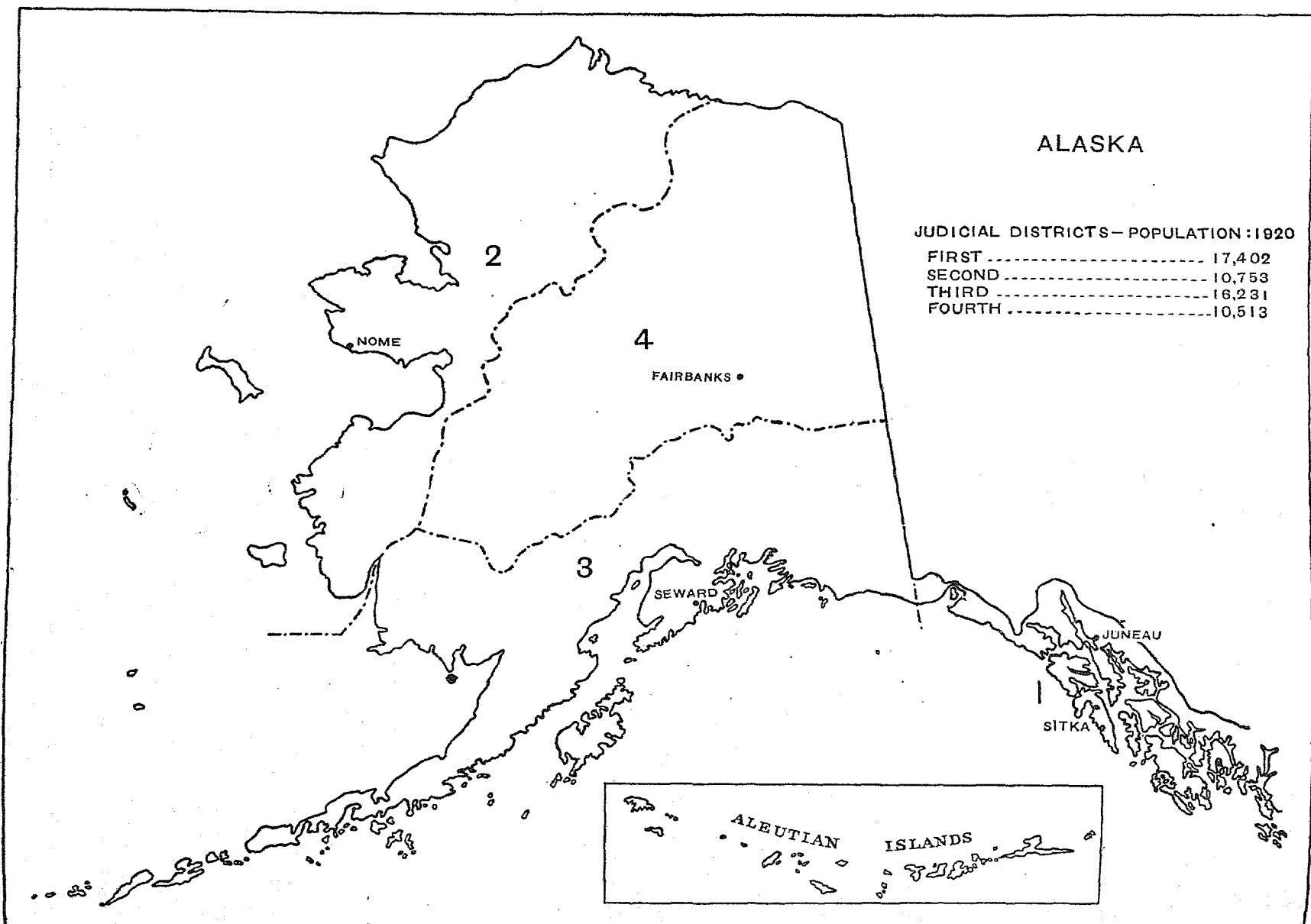
POPULATION OF ALASKA: 1880 TO 1920.

[A minus sign (–) denotes decrease.]

CENSUS YEAR.	Population.	INCREASE OVER PRECEDING CENSUS.	
		Number.	Per cent.
1920.....	54,899	–9,457	–14.7
1910.....	64,356	764	1.2
1900.....	63,592	31,540	98.4
1890.....	32,052	–1,374	–4.1
1880.....	33,426		

Density of population.—The gross land and water area of Alaska is 590,884 square miles, which is nearly equal to one-fifth of the gross area of the United States, exclusive of outlying possessions (3,026,789 square miles), and slightly exceeds the combined area of the three Pacific Coast states—Washington, Oregon, and California—and Texas. Based upon gross area, the density of population, or number of inhabitants per square mile of territory, in Alaska is less than one-tenth of 1 in 1920, as against slightly more than one-tenth of 1 in 1910. The density in 1920 is equivalent to an average area of 10.8 square miles, or 6,888 acres, to each inhabitant. For the United States, exclusive of outlying possessions, the average number of persons per square mile in 1920 is 34.9, while the average area to each inhabitant is 18.3 acres.

Judicial districts and minor civil divisions.—By the act of March 3, 1909, Alaska was divided into four judicial districts, which are outlined on the map on page 2. The political units into which the judicial districts are divided are collectively termed “minor civil divisions.” Of these, the recorders’ districts, 52 in number, constitute the primary divisions (see Table 1), while the secondary divisions, which number 184, comprise 17 incorporated towns, 151 unincorporated villages, 5 unincorporated towns, 5 forts, 4 islands, and 2 stations (see Table 2). In Table 1 comparative figures are given for 1910 only, since the population of the judicial and recorders’ districts can not generally be accurately determined from the census reports for earlier years. In Table 2 comparative figures for both 1910 and 1900 are given for all places for which such figures are available.



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1 District means recorder's district.

¹ Petersburg district organized from part of Wrangell district since 1910.
² Comparative figures for recorders' districts can not be given, judicial district having been redistricted since 1910.
³ In judicial districts 2 and 4: combined population, 4,024.

AND FORTS: 1920, 1910, AND 1900.

¹ Returned in 1910 as unincorporated.
² Includes persons on vessels in port, the census having been taken during the rush to the gold fields.
³ Sitka village (population, 539 in 1910) and Sitka (native) village (population 799 in 1910) consolidated and incorporated as a town since 1910. Not returned separately in 1900.
⁴ Returned in 1910 as incorporated.

POPULATION—ALASKA.

TABLE 2.—POPULATION OF INCORPORATED TOWNS AND OF UNINCORPORATED TOWNS, VILLAGES, STATIONS, AND FORTS: 1920, 1910, AND 1900—Continued.

PLACE.	DISTRICT.		1920	1910	1900	PLACE.	DISTRICT.		1920	1910	1900
	Judicial.	Recorder's.					Judicial.	Recorder's.			
UNINCORPORATED—contd.						UNINCORPORATED—contd.					
Choginung village.....	Third..	Bristol Bay.....	182	165	145	Nanevaranarlegamiut village.....	Second..	Wade Hampton	95		
Circle village.....	Fourth..	Circle.....	96	144	242	Napaklakamute village.....	Second..	Wade Hampton	173	166	
Company Harbor village.....	Third..	Unga Peninsula.....	45			Nenana village.....	Fourth..	Nenana.....	634	190	
Copper Center village.....	Third..	Copper Center.....	71	91		Nenana (native) village.....	Fourth..	Nenana.....	172		
Council village.....	Second..	Council City.....	109	289		Nerikagtiilegamiut village.....	Second..	Wade Hampton	96		
Craig village.....	First..	Ketchikan.....	212			Ninilebie village.....	Third..	Kenai.....	87		
Deering village.....	Second..	Fairhaven.....	73	100		Noatak village.....	Second..	Noatak-Kobuk..	164	121	
Dillingham village.....	Third..	Bristol Bay.....	36			Nondalton village.....	Third..	Iliamna.....	69		
Dry Bay village.....	First..	Sitka.....	30			Noorvik village.....	Second..	Noatak-Kobuk..	281		
Eagle (native) village.....	Fourth..	Eagle.....	60			Nulato village.....	Fourth..	Nulato.....	258	230	281
Eek village.....	Third..	Nushagak.....	119			Nunatshuagamiut village.....	Second..	Wade Hampton	134		
Egegik village.....	Third..	Bristol Bay.....	83			Nunivak Island.....	Second..	Wade Hampton	189	127	
Elim village.....	Second..	Council City.....	162			Nushagak village.....	Third..	Bristol Bay.....	16	74	324
Ellamar village.....	Third..	Prince William Sound.....	106	98		Ohagamiute village.....	Fourth..	Kuskokwim.....	92		
Evak village.....	Third..	Cordova.....	320			Old Harbor village.....	Third..	Kodiak.....	54		
Flat village.....	Fourth..	Otter.....	158			Ophir village.....	Fourth..	Ophir.....	22	122	
Fort Gibbon.....	Fourth..	Fort Gibbon.....	181			Ouzinkoe village.....	Third..	Kodiak.....	96		
Fort Liscomb.....	Third..	Valdez.....	153	162		Panloft Harbor village.....	Third..	Unga Peninsula.....	62		
Fort St. Michael.....	Second..	St. Michael.....	126			Perryville village (P. O. Chignik).....	Third..	Unga Peninsula.....	85		
Fort Wm. H. Seward.....	First..	Skagway.....	186	255		Pilot Station.....	Second..	Wade Hampton	145		
Fort Yukon.....	Fourth..	Circle.....	319	321	156	Pirate Cove village.....	Third..	Unga Peninsula.....	98		
Gambell village.....	Second..	St. Lawrence Island.....	48	221		Point Barrow village.....	Second..	Barrow.....	94	127	
Garden Island village.....	Fourth..	Fairbanks.....	93	217		Port Graham village.....	Third..	Kenai.....	47		
Gracht village.....	Fourth..	Fairbanks.....	61	198		Port Heiden village.....	Third..	Unga Peninsula.....	30		
Haycock village.....	Second..	Council City.....	114			Pymute village.....	Fourth..	Kuskokwim.....	89		
Herenden village.....	Third..	Unga Peninsula.....	51			Quigillingok village.....	Second..	Wade Hampton	104		
Hidden Inlet village.....	First..	Ketchikan.....	31			Quinhagak village.....	Third..	Nushagak.....	103	111	201
Hoonah village.....	First..	Sitka.....	402	462	447	Rampart village.....	Fourth..	Rampart.....	121	83	211
Hope village.....	Third..	Kenai.....	44			Ruby village.....	Fourth..	Nulato.....	128		
Hot Springs village.....	Fourth..	Hot Springs.....	29	101		Russian Mission village.....	Fourth..	Wade Hampton	90		
Hughes village.....	Fourth..	Fort Gibbon.....	45			St. George Island.....	Third..	Alutian Islands	138	90	
Hydaburg village.....	First..	Ketchikan.....	346			St. Michael village.....	Second..	St. Michael.....	371	415	857
Hyder town.....	First..	Ketchikan.....	237			St. Paul Island.....	Third..	Alutian Islands	212	201	
Iliou village.....	Second..	Kougarok.....	115	141		Sand Point village.....	Third..	Unga Peninsula.....	60		
Iliamna village.....	Third..	Iliamna.....	66	121		Saxman village.....	First..	Ketchikan.....	103	154	142
Kaguyak village.....	Third..	Kodiak.....	52			Scow Bay village.....	First..	Petersburg.....	73		
Kake village.....	First..	Petersburg.....	357	232		Selawik village.....	Second..	Noatak-Kobuk..	274		
Kaltag village.....	Fourth..	Nulato.....	89	141		Seldovia village.....	Third..	Kenai.....	258	173	149
Karluk village.....	Third..	Kodiak.....	99	549	470	Shageluk village.....	Fourth..	Shageluk.....	130		
Kasaan village.....	First..	Ketchikan.....	126	129		Shakan village.....	First..	Ketchikan.....	23	118	93
Kashoga village.....	Third..	Alutian Islands	51			Shakoluk village.....	Second..	Council City.....	73		
Kashumuk village.....	Second..	Wade Hampton.....	72	117		Shishmaref village.....	Second..	Port Clarence.....	131		
Katalla village.....	Third..	Katalla.....	84	188		Shungnak village.....	Second..	Noatak-Kobuk..	95	210	
Kenai village.....	Third..	Kenai.....	332	250	290	South Fork village.....	Fourth..	Koyukuk.....	29		
Kennecott village.....	Third..	Kennecott.....	494			Stevens village.....	Fourth..	Rampart.....	103	100	
Kiana village.....	Second..	Noatak-Kobuk..	98			Susitna Station.....	Third..	Cook Inlet.....	48	233	
Killsnoo village.....	First..	Juneau.....	256	351	172	Talkeetna village.....	Third..	Cook Inlet.....	70		
Kinak village.....	Second..	Wade Hampton.....	192			Tanana (native) village.....	Fourth..	Fort Gibbon.....	99		
Kipneramiut village.....	Second..	Wade Hampton.....	90			Tanana Crossing village.....	Fourth..	Fortymile.....	101		
Kivalina village.....	Second..	Noatak-Kobuk..	87			Tatitlek village.....	Third..	Prince William Sound.....	187	156	149
Klawock village.....	First..	Ketchikan.....	19	241	131	Teller village ¹	Second..	Port Clarence.....	80	125	
Klukwan village.....	First..	Skagway.....	167	245		Tenakee village.....	First..	Sitka.....	174	126	
Knotak village.....	Third..	Kodiak.....	44			Thane village.....	First..	Juneau.....	421		
Knik village.....	Third..	Knik.....	40	118		Tigara village.....	Second..	Point Hope.....	141		
Kodiak village.....	Third..	Kodiak.....	374	438	341	Togiak village.....	Third..	Nushagak.....	91		
Kokrine village.....	Fourth..	Fort Gibbon.....	80	128		Treadwell village ²	First..	Juneau.....	325	1,222	322
Kotlik village.....	Second..	St. Michael.....	83			Tuluksak village.....	Fourth..	Kuskokwim.....	73		
Kotzebue village.....	Second..	Noatak-Kobuk..	230	193		Tyonek village.....	Third..	Cook Inlet.....	58		
Koyukuk village.....	Fourth..	Nulato.....	124	121		Umnak village.....	Third..	Alutian Islands	83		
Kulukak village.....	Third..	Nushagak.....	83			Unalakleet village.....	Second..	St. Michael.....	285	247	241
Kwigluk village.....	Third..	Nushagak.....	93			Unalaska village.....	Third..	Alutian Islands	299	281	428
Latouche village.....	Third..	Valdez.....	505			Unga town.....	Third..	Unga Peninsula.....	813	108	175
Little Diomedea Island.....	Second..	Port Clarence.....	101	90		Wainwright village.....	Second..	Barrow.....	99		
Livengood village.....	Fourth..	Tolovana.....	131			Wales village ³	Second..	Port Clarence.....	136	337	396
Louden village.....	Fourth..	Nulato.....	64			White Mountain village.....	Second..	Council City.....	198		
McCarthy village.....	Third..	Kennecott.....	127			Wood Island village.....	Third..	Kodiak.....	104	168	223
McGrath village.....	Fourth..	Mt. McKinley.....	90			Yakutat village.....	First..	Sitka.....	165	271	247
Minto (native) village.....	Fourth..	Nenana.....	58								
Morzhovof village.....	Third..	Unga Peninsula.....	60								
Mountain village.....	Second..	Wade Hampton.....	136								
Mumtrakmut village.....	Third..	Nushagak.....	138								
Naknek village.....	Third..	Bristol Bay.....	111								

¹ Teller village returned as Fuller in 1910.² Returned in 1910 as incorporated.³ Wales village returned as Cape Prince of Wales in 1910.